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Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN
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Dear Admiral Turner:

I have carefully considered your request to make available Surveys and Investigations Staff studies of various intelligence community programs. The Committee has not routinely made investigative studies available to other agencies. However, if you are willing to agree to certain conditions, I believe the Committee could make an exception to its general policy and provide copies of the studies which have been made to date. This would be a one time exception and would not necessarily apply to future studies.

In exchange for making the studies available, the Committee would require that by March 20, 1978, the intelligence community provide a written response to each of the studies. These written responses should include, but not be limited to:

- 1) Overall evaluations of the accuracy and validity of the principal observations and recommendations in each investigative report. These overall evaluations would be in the nature of executive summaries of the intelligence community's reaction to each report.
- 2) A detailed analysis of each of the principal findings in each investigative study.
- 3) A description of all actions which have been taken or will be taken to correct deficiencies identified in the investigative studies.

4) A detailed identification, by program and appropriation account, of all funds in the FY 1979 budget which are related to issues identified in each investigative report. For example, if an investigative report recommends cancellation of a program and this program is funded in FY 1979, these funds should be identified and an explanation given as to why this program is continuing to be funded. Similarly, if an investigative report recommends consolidation and separate programs continue, the funds for the separate programs and the reasons for the continuation of the separate programs should be given.

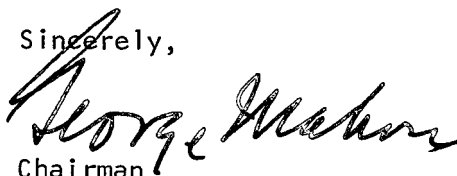
5) All written responses should be complete and not subject to change in later hearings without advance written notice of the change. Failure to adhere to this policy has been one reason why the Committee has discontinued giving investigative studies to other agencies. Last minute changes of this type make hearings unproductive.

6) A uniform format for each response in order to facilitate comparison among responses.

I realize these conditions will impose a significant workload upon the intelligence community within a short time frame. However, the investigative reports represent a very significant effort by the Appropriations Committee. Only if there is an equally serious response by the intelligence community, can the Committee agree to release these reports.

If you are willing to agree to these conditions, I would like to have a written response to that effect. Once that written response is available, members of your staff should contact members of my staff to make arrangements for transfer of the investigative reports.

Sincerely,


Chairman

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